

Report on *Natural Resources Research*

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EMD continues to participate with the International Association for Mathematical Geology (IAMG) in publishing the journal *Natural Resources Research* (NRR), which is produced quarterly. NRR has a very short turnaround from initial submission of an article until acceptance and publication. Typically, this time is only 6 months, sometimes less if an approved article needs little or no editing.

EMD's main forms of support for the journal take the form of 1) subscriptions by EMD members, at the same cost as IAMG members, and 2) solicitation and submission (directly and indirectly) or papers for potential publication in NRR. All subscriptions are handled through IAMG. All submissions go directly to the Chief Editor rather than through me or other EMD leaders. EMD has no financial exposure on this journal, making it essentially a no-cost endeavor for EMD beyond volunteer time involved.

Special Issues on Oil Sands

Fran Hein continues to work on producing one or more special issues on oil sands for NRR. Fran has 1 paper finalized, 3 papers in revision by the authors, 1 in review, and 6-7 others committed to be submitted, but not actually in hand yet. One special issue of NRR from just the oil sands sessions in Calgary is certain if we can get another 1-2 papers in hand. Two special issues will require all papers to be submitted and accepted.

Inclusion of EMD Commodity Reports in NRR

Based on discussions at the Calgary annual meeting and subsequent e-mails with EMD leaders, I approached Dan Merriam about the issue of including EMD commodity annual reports in NRR in some format. He is very amenable to doing this! We decided that a combined EMD report, once a year, would be the preferable format for such an article. This will keep such an article in line with current NRR papers in terms of length and content. Such an article should be as up-to-date as possible in terms of included data, company or regional information, and graphs so that the article is not too dated before it can be published.

Therefore, at the Houston meeting, it would be good for all commodity councilors and President Warwick to discuss how to coordinate such an article for NRR. I do not have a suggested publication target, but we can set one if you like. At this point in the year, we probably should aim for an article to be published in the 4th quarter, either in issue 3 or 4 of the 2006 volume year. The publication lead time is about 3-4 months from acceptance after review and revision, so that time line should be possible if all commodity councilors prepare their sections, or expand their annual meeting reports, in the next month or two. **A single person in the EMD leadership should be responsible for compiling these reports and submitting the final paper to Dan Merriam.** Please be sure to let me know who that compiler or coordinator is so that I can track progress of the paper as needed.

Need Help in Getting More Papers and Special Issues

We encourage EMD leaders to aid us in improving submissions of articles and subscriptions by EMD members. Technical councilors in particular need to encourage their committee members and colleagues in their topical EMD fields to participate in NRR by submitting articles.

I would like to make a special plea to those EMD leaders attending the Houston meeting to PLEASE be on the lookout for presentations, poster or oral, at the annual meeting. Because I cannot attend in person, we must rely on your recommendations for sessions or individual papers that would be good additions to the journal as special issues or single papers. Please suggest special issues of NRR to session chairs and point authors to me as a contact for submitting to NRR.

This constitutes my report for the second half of the 2005-2006 AAPG administrative and fiscal year. I welcome any questions, comments, and active involvement in soliciting papers from the EMD leaders and members.

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